



## CITY OF LONG BEACH

### COMMISSION ON YOUTH AND CHILDREN

*"... where the voices of youth matter"*



## MINUTES August 24, 2005

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Batton, Co-Chair, called the meeting of the Commission on Youth and Children to order at 5:03 pm, in the large conference room at the Parks, Recreation and Marine Senior Center. Roll call was taken and a quorum was confirmed.

#### **Present:**

**Pierre Batton, 1<sup>st</sup> District Representative, Co-Chair**  
**Rebecca Turrentine, Education, Co-Chair**

Sotheara Chhay, *6<sup>th</sup> District Youth*  
Amber Hines, *9<sup>th</sup> District Youth*  
Helen Ingram, *Education*  
Marty Isozaki, *Job Training*  
Harry Koulos, *3<sup>rd</sup> District Youth*  
Mackenzie Martin, *5<sup>th</sup> District Youth*  
Jeanetta McAlpin, *Social Services*  
Jon Meyer, *LBUSD Board Member*

Phillip Penn, *8<sup>th</sup> District Youth*  
Victor Perez, *Health*  
Lauren Perry, *2<sup>nd</sup> District Youth*  
Marc Rothenberg, *Juvenile Justice*  
Kevin Scott, *Youth Enrichment*  
Mary Soth, *Early Childhood Development*  
Chelsii Summerville, *4<sup>th</sup> District Youth*

#### **Absent:**

Crystal Patatto, *7<sup>th</sup> District Youth (excused)*  
Jessica Quintana, *Parent (excused)*

#### **Staff:**

Cynthia Fogg, Superintendent, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine  
Andrew Romero, Youth Specialist, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine  
Dan Hendricks, Commission Clerk, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine  
Christina Santos, Research and Data Specialist, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine

#### **Guests:**

Phil T. Hester, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine  
Diane Jacobus, Mayor's Office  
Julie Maleki, *3<sup>rd</sup> District Representative*  
Tim Patton, *5<sup>th</sup> District Representative*  
Jonathan Kraus, *8<sup>th</sup> District Representative*  
Veronica Servin, *8<sup>th</sup> District Representative*  
Yolanda Segura,  
Christiana Luke-Segura  
Robin S. Thorie  
Phillip E. Penn Sr.

With new Commissioners in place, a brief roundtable of introductions was held so that each Commissioner could introduce themselves to the others.

## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**It was moved by Commissioner Meyer and seconded by Commissioner Batton to approve the July 22, 2005 Commission on Youth and Children minutes with corrections. The motion carried unanimously.**

## **III. COMMENTS**

Diane Jacobus talked about the merits of the Commission and her pride that the City of Long Beach has such an organization. She also welcomed the new members of the Commission.

Co-Chair Turrentine informed the Commission that her fellow Co-Chair, Pierre Batton had received a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from the United States House of Representatives in recognition of his service to the community.

## **IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE COMMISSION**

As usual, the Superintendent's report was included in the agenda.

The Commissioners watched the Gold Star Video on Long Beach.

Commission Co-Chair Turrentine advanced item IX. a. to this point in the meeting.

## **V. CO-CHAIRS REPORT TO THE COMMISSION**

On August 12, 2005 Co-Chair Pierre Batton filmed a segment for ABC's Cool Kids, which was set to air on August 26, 2005. Commission Co-chairs Turrentine visited the Mobile Recreation truck at Olive and 10<sup>th</sup> St. and encouraged other Commissioners to visit other City programs that cater to youth.

## **VI. REPORTS**

### **a. Committees**

#### **I. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Commissioners Turrentine and Batton, Co-Chairs**

The Executive Committee did not meet.

#### **II. PROFILE PROJECT COMMITTEE**

Suspended until the City Council rules on the Annual Report Recommendation that the project be continued.

#### **III. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE Committee Co-Chairs Chhay and McAlpin**

Continuing to work on preliminary plans for the Mayoral Candidates Forum. Also attempting to design a logo for the Commission. Andrew Romero request aid from anyone willing to work on a design for the logo.

**b. Standing Items**

**I. Education and Youth Strategic Plan**

There were no comments on the plan at this meeting.

**II. District Level Youth Advisory Councils**

**Report on DLYAC meetings**

Andrew Romero and the various youth Commissioners present reported on the following schedules for the District Level Youth Advisory Councils.

*District 1* Did Not Meet

*District 2* Did Not Meet

*District 3* Did Not Meet

*District 4* Did Not Meet

*District 5* Did Not Meet

*District 6* Did Not Meet

*District 7* Did Not Meet

*District 8* Councilmember Gabelich gave 8 awards to various youth and saw a Powerpoint presentation on all events done by the DLYAC, which totaled at 230 hours of community service.

*District 9* Determined which of their members would become the new CYC district representative.

**III. Youth and Gang Violence Task Force (Aug 8)**

The Task Force discussed their transition to Phase 2, and the results of the increased efforts at enforcing the City's curfew ordinance. During the summer, curfew violations led to the discovery of 24 handguns and approximately 200 felony arrests. The possibility of continuing the program throughout the year was discussed, as was how youth are notified that the curfew laws exist in the first place. There was additional discussion on increasing anti-gang assistance from local businesses and religious institutions, as well as past and current gang members.

**IV. Long Beach Youth Fund**

The Youth Fund is now finishing up tracking the grants and ensuring they are all used for the programs indicated.

**VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

Incoming –

Outgoing –

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a. Youth Leadership Institute (YLI) Workshops for CYC Status: 2<sup>nd</sup> of 4

Awaiting response on proposal for producing an in-house DLYAC handbook and utilizing the rest of the contract to assist in the proposed Mayoral Forum during the upcoming Mayoral elections.

**It was moved by Commissioner Soth and seconded by Commissioner Martin to authorize staff to pursue YLI assistance in planning the Mayoral Candidates Forum in lieu of workshops.**

- b. **Harbor Commission** – Awaiting funding request status
- c. **CYC Annual Report, January 04-December 04, including the *Profile of Long Beach Youth and Children*** – Pending Committee meeting on August 30, 2005.
- d. **Mayoral Candidate Forum**

The Mayoral Candidates Forum Special Planning Committee is setting a date/time for their meetings.

e. **Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 Budget**

Staff presented the Commission with a draft letter based on their discussion of the referral at the previous meeting.

**It was moved by Commission Co-Chair Batton and seconded by Commissioner McAlpin to approve the draft letter summarizing the collective comments of the Commission to transmit to Mayor O'Neill and members of the City Council. The motion carried unanimously.**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **State and Federal Legislative Procedure** – Government Relations Officer Tom Modica briefed the Commission on the City's State and Federal Legislative Procedures, and answered questions regarding the State and Federal Legislative Agendas for 2005. He also answered questions about who were the best contacts were to speak to about weighing in on the 2006 legislative agendas.

Tom discussed why the agenda had some items called out specifically, while others were more general, and how the agenda has changed over the years. He also discussed how the City of Long Beach is involved in lobbying the state and federal legislature.

**It was moved by Commission Co-Chair Batton and seconded by Commissioner Ingram to receive and file the report. The motion carried unanimously.**

- b. **Dialogue on Commission's Calendar of Future Topics** – It was decided to hold over the Dialogue on future topics until after the new Commissioners were added to the Commission.

**It was moved by Commissioner Ingram and seconded by Commissioner Isozaki to lay over the dialog on future topics for the Commission until the October 26, 2005 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

**X. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 28, at 5:00 p.m.**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**It was moved by Commissioner Batton and seconded by Commissioner Scott to adjourn the meeting of the Commission on Youth and Children at 6:55 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.**

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